

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the August 25, 2004 Office Action, Applicant elects, without traverse, for the continued prosecution of claims 1-3. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been amended. Claims 4-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant notes that claim 18 was incorrectly classified in class 257, subclass 208. Claim 18 should be classified in class 438, subclass 129 a method of manufacturing semiconductor device.

By virtue of this Amendment, claims 1-3 are the only claims pending. Applicant reserves the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, canceled claims.

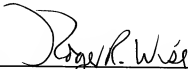
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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